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## HOUSE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION honoring Thomas Rodgers as the 2003 winner of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Junior High String Competition.

*Whereas, Thomas Rodgers is the 15 year old Anderson, Indiana, native who is the 2003 winner of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Junior High String Competition;*

*Whereas, The MTNA, a 24,000 member organization composed of professional music teachers and founded in 1876, organizes their competitions for junior high, senior high, and collegiate level competitors;*

*Whereas, After moving through state and regional auditions, Thomas Rodgers was one of seven finalists in his age group from around the country who were invited to compete in the National Conference held in Salt Lake City, Utah, on March 15th;*



*Whereas, The finalists of the MTNA Junior High String Competition performed compositions from the classical violin repertoire for a panel of three distinguished judges;*

*Whereas, Thomas's program included works by Ernst Bloch, J.S. Bach, and Felix Mendelssohn;*

*Whereas, As a national winner of the competition, Thomas was featured during the winner's concert in the Grand Ballroom of the Salt Lake City Convention Center and will receive a commemorative plaque accompanied by a cash award of \$500 from the MTNA Foundation;*

*Whereas, Thomas began his musical career at the age of six when he started taking lessons from Mrs. Beverly Scott who, for many years, has nurtured the growth of countless young violin students in Anderson;*

*Whereas, In 1998 Thomas began attending the Indiana University String Academy in Bloomington, Indiana, studying first with Christina Hightower and then with Mimi Zweig;*

*Whereas, Thomas's awards include: winning the young artist competitions held by the Carmel Symphony, Muncie Symphony, and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic; appearing as concerto soloist with the Carmel Symphony, Muncie Symphony, and the Fort Wayne Philharmonic; and receiving the 2003 Fellowship for Young Artists in Chamber Music awarded by the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis where he will receive chamber music coaching from Indianapolis Symphony Concertmaster Hidetaro Suzuki in preparation for performing in a Suzuki and Friends chamber music concert at the Indiana State Historical Society Museum in Indianapolis;*

*Whereas, Thomas has performed twice this season at the Paramount Theater, appearing on the Traditions in Anderson concert; in the Martin Luther King, Jr., Celebration; at the Pendleton First United Methodist Church; the Park Place Church of God; and at the Central Christian Church;*



*Whereas, In April Thomas will perform again at the Park Place Church of God as a member of the Indiana University Violin Virtuosi, a group of gifted young violinists returning by popular demand after a warmly received concert last spring who have been featured on National Public Radio's "From the Top", a weekly program that showcases young classical musicians from all over the United States and has performed in Carnegie Hall in New York City and will perform in France this summer;*

*Whereas, This summer Thomas plans to attend Meadowmount School of Music in New York, which conducts an intensive summer program attended by many professional violinists in their early years; and*

*Whereas, By virtue of winning the above mentioned MTNA competition and accomplishing so much else musically, Thomas has distinguished himself, his community, and Indiana: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1       SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to honor
- 2       and congratulate Thomas Rodgers on his selection as the 2003
- 3       winner of the Music Teachers National Association (MTNA) Junior
- 4       High String Competition and for his many other accomplishments.
- 5       SECTION 2. That copies of this resolution be transmitted by the
- 6       Secretary of the Senate to Thomas Rodgers and his parents.

